

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-41 are pending in this patent application. By this response, claims 15 and 34-40 have been withdrawn from further consideration.

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

### **Restriction**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the November 1, 2005 Office Action, Applicants restrict examination to the following claims in this patent application: claims 1-14, 16-33, and 41.

### **Election**

In response to the election requirement set forth in the November 1, 2005 Office Action, Applicant elects species "A", associated with FIGS. 1-11, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-14, 16-33, and 41 are readable on this species.

### **Claim Pending in Patent Application But Not Included in Restriction**

Applicants respectfully request that claims 15 and 34-40 be withdrawn from further consideration. However, Applicants are retaining these claims in this patent application pending a decision regarding the filing of a divisional patent application. Also, if claim 14 is allowed, Applicants respectfully request that withdrawn claim 15 also be allowed since claim 15 depends directly from claim 14.

## **Conclusion**

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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